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Shouting, Recriminations Reported

Rhodesia Talks Are Delayed, But Breakdown Is Averted

SALISBURY, Feb. 9.—The participants of the "internal" majority-rule settlement conference held an acrimonious meeting yesterday but a breakdown was averted with one of the delegations requiring more time to decide whether to agree with the others.

Conference sources said the meeting was dominated by shouting and recriminations.

They said Methodist Bishop Abel Muzorewa, a black leader, presented a controversial statement accusing his negotiating partners of gangsterism against his own United African National Council.

The other delegations, Prime Minister Ian Smith's government and two black groups—the Rev. Ndabingi Sithole's African National Council-Sithole and tribal chief Jeremiah Chirau's Zimbabwe United Peoples' Organisation—were agreed on a method of putting 28 white legislators into a future 100-seat parliament.

Bishop Muzorewa advocates a "different system of achieving a virtually identical parliamentary setup."

The participants agreed to what amounts to a virtual adjournment.

The sources said conference participants hope Bishop Muzorewa will announce a firm decision on Monday after a meeting of UANC members on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the Rhodesian Military Command today reported another 30 war deaths, including 17 black civilians killed by crossfire during a "dash between Rhodesian troops and black insurgents in southeastern Rhodesia."

In another development, the Rhodesian government today announced its intention to "draft young blacks into the white-led armed forces in the war against African nationalist guerrillas fighting to end white minority rule."

In a notice in today's Government Gazette, Manpower Minister Rowan Crooke said all Africans who had entered into apprenticeship contracts after Nov. 1 last year would be required to register soon for national service. About 200 youths would be affected.

In a joint statement after talks in Tripoli, the two neighboring states agreed "not to embark upon any hostile act" against each other. They also agreed to the "reopening of embassies of the two countries in Tripoli and Khartoum" and the taking of necessary steps to implement this as soon as possible, the statement said.

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LENDING AN EAR—Egyptian President Anwar Sadat (left) and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt straining to hear newsmen's questions during a press conference in Hamburg yesterday. At center is an interpreter.

In a Week, 'If Right Conception Prevails' in Israel

Sadat Says an Early Mideast Settlement Is Still Possible

HAMBURG, Feb. 9 (Reuters).—President Anwar Sadat of Egypt said today that a peace settlement with Israel could be reached in a week "if the right conception prevails on the other side."

But he added that moves to reconcile the two countries had reached a crucial stage and that failure to keep up the momentum provided by his visit to Jerusalem in November could lead to "a state of tension and devastation" in the Middle East.

Mr. Sadat had talks lasting just over an hour each today with British Prime Minister James Callaghan in London and with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt here. He told journalists he had briefed the British and

West German leaders on the latest peace developments and on his six-day visit to the United States, which ended yesterday.

Speaking at an airport press conference in London, Mr. Sadat said that despite the stalled Israeli-Egyptian political and military negotiations, a settlement was still possible.

"If the right conception prevails on the other side, I assure you, in a week we can reach agreement," he added.

Mr. Sadat broke off the political talks with Israel three weeks ago.

Settlements Question
Egyptian officials said in Hamburg that the President was referring at his London news conference principally to Israel's intransigence over the settlements question.

In a brief statement to reporters in the garden of the Hamburg city government's guest house, where he met Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Sadat said the Chancellor was a good friend of Egypt because

he had "consistently opposed the establishment of Israeli settlements on Arab territory."

Mr. Schmidt also realized that failure to maintain the momentum in the peacemaking process could mean "a drifting back to a state of tension and devastation" in the Middle East, the Egyptian President added.

Mr. Schmidt said the Bonn government and its partners in the European Economic Community would continue to play a discreet role in fostering détente between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

"But I do not think it would be good for the EEC or individual member states to intervene by undertaking spectacular, public steps," he went on.

President Sadat later flew to Munich and then to the Bavarian Alpine resort of Berchtesgaden, where he will stay privately until Saturday, when he will drive to Salzburg to meet Chancellor Bruno Kreisky of Austria.

Rightist sources said Damascus also wanted a number of Pasha officers handed over to Syria, including Col. Antoine Barakat, a leader of Christian rightist forces when the Lebanese Army split during the civil war.

The Syrians, dominating the 40,000-man Arab peace-keeping force, detained the leader of the leftist army faction when they entered to end the civil war 16 months ago.

The recent fighting has evoked fear of a return to the civil strife that leveled Beirut's center and left more than 30,000 dead. The rightists fought an alliance of Palestinian and Lebanese leftists.

The Syrians are aware of the feeling among Western nations and some Arab states that they brought the current difficulties on themselves and, therefore, intervention on behalf of Somalia is neither justified nor advisable.

In response, the Somalis argue that it is more than a question of Ethiopia's retaking the Ogaden. They claim that it is a question of the Soviet Union and Cuba using Ethiopia as a base for setting control over the entire Horn of Africa.

To countries that have held back on aid to Somalia to see if the Soviet advisory and the Cuban military personnel carry the fighting across the borders into Somalia, the Somalis argue that it has already happened with the bombing raids in the north of Somalia.

Independent observers have contended that there have been at least some bombings at El Gedi and Bebera, but the most intensive action is reportedly taking place to the south, in the Ogaden, where the Somalis have acknowledged some setbacks.

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For Violating Banning Order

S. Africa Gives Mrs. Mandela A Small Suspended Sentence

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, Feb. 9 (AP).—A magistrate today found black nationalist leader Winnie Mandela guilty on two counts of violating her banning order, but he said there was "nothing sinister in the meetings" and handed down a small, suspended sentence.

"It's a token sentence. They had to do something," the 44-year-old woman said.

She attended the proceeding with a copy of Dostoevsky's "Crime and Punishment." "I have a lot in common with Dostoevsky, a man who speaks a language I understand," she said.

8 Blacks Arrested
Outside the courtroom, about two dozen blacks surrounded Mrs. Mandela and began singing black nationalist songs. Security police arrested eight of them. Lawyers said that they were being held under the Banning Order Act.

Mrs. Mandela, wife of Nelson Mandela, president of the outlawed African National Congress who is serving a life sentence on Robben Island, was found guilty of receiving visitors without permission and attending a social gathering.

Magistrate C.P.J. Steytler sentenced her to six months imprisonment on each of the charges, suspended for four years.

Mrs. Mandela's lawyer, George Bizos, immediately appealed to the supreme court of Orange Free State Province, of which Bloemfontein is the capital.

Banishment Order
Under the banishment ordered last May, Mrs. Mandela must live in the small town of Brandfort, 35 miles north of here, for seven years. During that time she has to stay at home at night and on weekends. She may not have visitors other than close friends without official permission, and she may not be quoted in the South African news media.

Mrs. Mandela was initially charged with several counts of violating the order, but three were dropped and she was acquitted of two.

Mr. Steytler ruled that three adults and two children came to her house on May 23 in violation of the ban, although they said that they were visiting her 17-year-old daughter Zinzi.

He also found her guilty of talking to neighbors about the price of a chicken. The state said that this constituted a "social gathering," which she may not attend.

"Normal Chitchat"
Mr. Steytler said, "There was nothing sinister in the meetings," and that the chicken conversation was "normal chitchat and was not a threat to the state."

Mrs. Mandela later said, "Since when is talking about the price of a chicken a threat to the state?"

Mr. Steytler said the overriding consideration in passing sentence was that both charges were committed shortly after Mrs. Mandela arrived in Brandfort in late May.

He said that she suddenly found herself in a strange place, away from relatives, friends and neighbors.

The magistrate said that he found nothing to suggest that Mrs. Mandela had met with the visitors to threaten or endanger state security.

After hearing the judgment, Mrs. Mandela greeted friends one at a time outside the court. Security police watched closely to insure that she did not violate her ban by talking to two or more persons.

Black Women Resistance
CAPE TOWN, Feb. 9 (Reuters).—South Africa's newly announced plans to deprive all blacks of citizenship will be

China A-Officials To Visit Australia
CANBERRA, Feb. 9 (Reuters).—China will send a top-level trade mission to Australia to negotiate purchases of uranium, government officials said this week.

They said Peking officials were due in Sydney over the next few months for talks with Deputy Prime Minister Doug Anthony, who is also Minister for Trade and Resources, and other senior ministers.

The officials said that the Chinese would discuss trade generally, but the mission would include several nuclear experts.

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South Carolina Senate Votes Against ERA
COLUMBIA, S.C., Feb. 9 (AP).—After four hours of debate, the South Carolina Senate this week killed a resolution to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution. Its vote was 25 to 20.

The ERA has been approved by 35 states and must be ratified by three more by March 22, 1979, to become part of the Constitution. Three of the 35 states which have ratified the measure have since rescinded approval, but the legality of rescission still is in question.

Unesco Post for Kerr
CANBERRA, Feb. 9 (UPI).—The former governor-general of Australia, Sir John Kerr, whose intervention in November, 1975, led to the downfall of the Whitlam Labor government, has been appointed Australian ambassador to Unesco, Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser announced yesterday.

Tokyo Airport Tower Torn Down by Police
TOKYO, Feb. 9 (UPI).—Policemen yesterday tore down a 66-foot steel tower built by radicals to block flights into Tokyo's new international airport at Narita.

The way was cleared for the tower's destruction after four student demonstrators who had perched on it for 47 hours came down and surrendered last yesterday. The four youths were arrested and taken to a hospital, where doctors said they were exhausted but unharmed. The police said they refused to answer questions.

Soviet Captain Fined
NAMSOS, Norway, Feb. 8 (Reuters).—The captain of the 3,000-ton Soviet ship *Pravda* was fined 4,000 Norwegian kroner for fishing illegally inside Norwegian waters. His catch, worth about \$13,000, was confiscated.

2 Bombings in Brittany
RENNES, France, Feb. 9 (UPI).—Bombing yesterday damaged two income tax offices in Brittany. Police said no one was injured in the explosions in Ros-trenen and Carhaix.

British Study Finds That the Rich Still Live Longer Than the Poor
LONDON, Feb. 9 (UPI).—In Britain, the rich still live longer than the poor despite all that the government has been able to do to equalize society since the difference was first documented in Victorian times.

The latest edition of the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, a vast statistical analysis of British society, shows that, on the average, professional men live 3.25 years longer than unskilled workers.

Of 100 young unskilled workers, 7 will die before they reach the age of 45 and 36 will die before they reach retirement at 65, according to the survey. However, only 3 of 100 professionals will die before 45 and only 23 before retiring.

Sociologists divide Britain into five classes—Class 1 is the highest in terms of wealth and education and Class 5 represents the lower working class. According to the OPCS, women in social classes 4 and 5 are two to three times as likely to die during pregnancy, child-bearing or abortion as are women in Classes 1 and 2.

It added that there are "persistent marked differences between the social classes in stillbirth rates, infant mortality rates and childhood mortality rates. Some of these differences resulted from pre-natal experience while others were due to the circumstances in which the child was reared."

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Gen. Brown Assailed

Congressman, Pentagon Chief Clash on U.S. Defense Funds

By George C. Wilson

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (UPI).—The House Appropriations chairman and the nation's top military officer, clashed yesterday on the question of whether Congress had provided too little, too late, for national defense.

"During your stewardship" of the last three years, chairman George Brown, D-Texas, told Gen. George Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Congress has appropriated \$330.7 billion for national defense.

Canada Finds More Debris Of Satellite

EDMONTON, Alberta, Feb. 9 (UPI).—Radioactive debris from a Soviet nuclear-powered satellite has been located at five more sites in the Northwest Territories, a Canadian Atomic Energy Control Board official said yesterday.

Two of the new sites are on the Bear River, north of the town of Inuvik, and on the Great Slave Lake. The objects are buried in snow and have not been visually identified, Dr. Roger Eaton said.

Rough terrain has prevented ground parties from reaching the sites, a military official said.

The other three pieces of debris are located 35 miles northeast of Fort Resolution, about 100 miles east of Yellowknife on the Great Slave Lake.

Bar or Pipe

One object is a black bar or pipe a few inches long giving off a faint radioactivity. The other two appear to be pieces of pipe four inches long and an inch in diameter with bright silver surfaces, Dr. Eaton said, and are moderately radioactive.

Officials said none of the objects is suspected of being part of the satellite's power core and no problems are expected in recovering them from beneath 18 inches of hard snow.

The Cosmos-994 satellite dropped out of orbit and entered the atmosphere over Canada on Jan. 24.

In Ottawa, the government took the first step toward possible demands for compensation from the Soviet Union by officially informing Moscow that Canada believes it has found parts of the satellite.

Foreign Secretary Don Jamieson refused to say whether Canada would seek more than \$1 million the search has cost so far.

Mr. Jamieson said he is consulting with terms of international conventions in officially informing the Soviet Union and the United Nations that six fragments, some radioactive, have been found in the Fort Resolution and Warden's Grove areas of the Northwest Territories.

The fragments mentioned in the letter apparently did not include those located yesterday.

Report on China Satellite

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (UPI).—A Chinese space satellite, believed to be designed for reconnaissance of the Soviet Union, has re-entered the atmosphere and burned up after apparently returning a module to earth, sources said today.

A spokesman for the North American Air Defense Command confirmed that the remaining portion of the China-5 spacecraft's three-ton to five-ton payload was tracked until it entered the atmosphere over the eastern Soviet Union on Tuesday.

Another Satellite Reportedly Fell, Burned in Pacific

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (UPI).—A Soviet satellite burned up in the atmosphere last week after 200 days in orbit, making it the second Soviet capsule to fall within a week, sources have reported.

On Wednesday, the Soviet Union's Progress-1 robot supply capsule, its mission to the Salyut-6 space station successfully terminated, dropped back into the earth's atmosphere and burned up over the Pacific Ocean.

The satellite that fell most recently was named Cosmos-929, and it flew in an orbit very close to the path followed by the Soviet-managed Soyuz and Salyut spacecraft. The Russians never identified Cosmos-929's mission, which U.S. space experts believe was to serve as a "space tugboat" to bring together big pieces of space machinery.

Launched seven months ago, Cosmos-929 made a fiery re-entry over the Pacific Ocean last Thursday, the sources said. Pieces of the 20-ton satellite that did not burn up in the atmosphere would have fallen into remote regions of the Pacific.

The Russians reportedly maneuvered Cosmos-929 at least five times by remote control.

learn from you that this did not buy us the security we need and that the risk has increased," Rep. Mahon said in response to Gen. Brown's written report to the defense appropriations subcommittee.

"Relative Decline"

Gen. Brown, who leaves office this summer, said in his farewell report that "in nearly every area of military strength there has been a relative decline over the years in relation to the Soviet Union." He added that "the military risk to the nation will increase."

Why, asked Rep. Mahon, did the \$330.7 billion fail to buy the nation more security? "Was the relative decline inevitable? In hindsight," replied Gen. Brown, "I don't think I would have said it is inevitable."

However, Gen. Brown said, Congress failed to appropriate all the money that the Pentagon requested and cut the budgets by an average of \$5.5 billion for each of the last five years.

None of them

Pressed by Rep. Mahon to name one program that Congress killed which the military considered vital, Gen. Brown said that he could not think of any offhand.

"I'd have to check the specifics," he said. "I would have to go back and look."

"You are aware," Rep. Mahon said, "that most of the reductions have been postponements because the Defense Department was not ready for the funds."

"Would you have been optimistic about the future U.S.-Soviet military relationship if Congress had provided all the funds the Pentagon requested?" Rep. Mahon asked.

"No, sir," Gen. Brown replied. "Key to Matter"

At this point, Defense Secretary Harold Brown, who was sitting beside the general at the subcommittee hearing, said that "the key to this matter" is that "the Soviet buildup has been faster than anticipated."

Rep. Mahon then asked Gen. Brown, "My colleagues keep asking, 'How do you let them get away with so much waste?'"

The average American would feel that \$330 billion not only would enable us to avoid disaster but to keep pace with the Soviet Union."

Gen. Brown replied that "the rather staggering amount of money" that Congress has appropriated to the Pentagon in the past "is acknowledged." But, he said, "it should come as no surprise that the United States is being pressed militarily because the other fellow is spending more."

Coal Reserves Dwindle, Crisis Grows in Midwest

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (AP).—Rapidly dwindling coal stocks brought declarations of "energy emergencies" in Indiana and West Virginia as opposition built among striking miners to a contract proposal that could end the utilities problems and a 66-day-old walkout.

In West Virginia, the state ordered a mandatory reduction of 10 per cent in power supplies to major industrial and commercial customers of two utilities whose stockpiles have slipped below the 30-day level. All consumers were asked to begin "very serious energy conservation."

Indiana's Public Service Commission planned mandatory reductions beginning early next week.

Kentucky approved plans for power cuts, and the Ohio Department of Energy is considering ordering Dayton and Toledo electric firms with ample coal to share power with those running short of fuel, an energy official said.

The tentative wage agreement with the coal industry must be approved by the 39-member United Mine Workers bargaining council before being sent for a vote by the full membership. The contract summary provided to the council by UMW president Arnold Miller was widely distributed yesterday and strongly criticized.

Some miners called for the immediate resumption of negotiations.

Gandhi Court Hearing Put Off for Elections

NEW DELHI, Feb. 9 (Reuters).—A Delhi magistrate yesterday postponed hearing two cases against former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi until after important state elections later this month.

Mrs. Gandhi was originally summoned to appear in court tomorrow to face two complaints of refusing to give evidence under oath about alleged excesses committed during the emergency.

If convicted, she could face a fine of up to 1,000 rupees (\$120) or six months in prison, or both, on each count.



AFTER THE STORM—Houses shattered by high tides and winds earlier this week tilting toward the water at Ocean Beach, N.Y. Before the storm hit the area, there was 100 feet of beach in front of the houses.

U.S. Checks Weather Damage From New York to California

BOSTON, Feb. 9 (UPI).—U.S. officials surveyed many areas of the Northeast for damage estimates today following one of the worst blizzards on record.

Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis placed the cleanup costs in the "tens of millions of dollars." He appeared shaken after a helicopter tour of snow-bound Boston, hit by 27 inches of snow, about 3,000 abandoned cars and trucks littered the road around Boston.

Blizzard aftermaths included an extensive power failure, the second in 36 hours, that blacked out at least 100,000 homes and businesses in Boston for up to seven hours.

The weather has been blamed for at least 72 deaths, from Texas to New Hampshire, since Monday. The toll for the winter of 1978 climbed to at least 280.

Boston police arrested 118 persons for looting and judges set bail for each at \$100,000. National Guard troops patrolled the streets in an effort to curb looting.

Along the New England coast, many of the more than 11,000 persons forced to leave their homes because of surging tides returned to survey the damage.

On the other side of the continent, northern California braced for the fifth reinstream in a recent series that has filled the once-dry reservoirs to their brims, caused rivers to crest and soaked the earth.

Outcome Remains in Doubt Debate on Canal Treaties Opens in Senate

By Adam Clymer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (UPI).—With leaders on both sides saying the outcome was still in doubt, the Senate settled in yesterday for a long debate on the Panama Canal treaties.

Sen. James Allen, D-Ala., warned that foes of the treaties would propose "dozens of amendments." He said that tactic would be to try to take up first the treaty that turns the canal over to Panama in the year 2000 rather than the treaty guaranteeing neutrality thereafter.

That first move will not come for nearly two weeks because, when the Senate adjourns tomorrow after three days of general debate and no votes, it will take a week off for political speeches and trips.

Meanwhile, opponents of the treaties will begin a final effort to build effective political pressure against ratification. One of the leading offstage voices, former California governor Ronald Reagan, said in a nationally televised speech last night that giving up control of the canal might be the first step toward the loss of "our own freedom."

In the brief discussion of the order of consideration of the treaties, however, the Senate leadership made it plain why they preferred the neutrality treaty first. Sen. Howard Baker Jr. of Tennessee, the majority leader, said that he could not vote to turn over the canal until he was reassured about its neutrality and the United States' right to send troops to defend it.

Sen. Allen and other opponents sense just that problem, but they have made it clear that they do not expect to upset the leadership on such a traditional prerogative as scheduling.

On the outcome, however, there are almost as many vote counts as there are senators and observers counting votes. They disagree on overall numbers, and on the intentions of individual senators, but they agree fundamentally that a small group of senators who have not made their intentions clear holds the balance.

For example, one of the most

optimistic counts for ratification is that of Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., the assistant majority leader. He said he counted 58 sure votes for ratification, and six leaning that way, 23 surely opposed and five leaning. That left eight uncounted.

Arguments Raged

On the other hand, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., made it 61 for the treaties and 31 against, with a slightly different group of eight undecided. Two-thirds, or 67 votes, are required for Senate approval of the treaties.

The arguments on the floor yesterday ranged over both treaties. Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, said that they would help thwart Communism in Latin America.

Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., said any weakening of U.S. control risked Cuban or Soviet involvement with the waterway.

Sen. Robert Griffin, R-Mich., complained of treaty ambiguities and alluded to public opposition, contending that "the people are right."

Sen. Cranston said that ratification would provide the best guarantee of continued canal use, and would "demarcate to the world that we have the real, inner strength of the truly powerful."

Kissinger Says He Opposes U.S. Pullout in Korea

TOKYO, Feb. 9 (UPI).—Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, in an interview shown on television here tonight, said that he opposed the Carter administration's plan to withdraw U.S. troops from South Korea.

He said the withdrawal could result in damage because there is a "high risk" that it could be misunderstood by North Korea. Mr. Kissinger said he could not see how the troop withdrawal could contain any benefits for the United States.

The interview was conducted by one of Japan's most prominent television news commentators, Etsuro Iwamura, recently in Chicago.

The withdrawal of ground forces from South Korea was initially a shock to Japan when it was announced last year and there is still some concern here that it represents a lessening of the U.S. commitment to defend both countries. The first contingents are to be withdrawn this summer.

CIA Studied Use of Involuntary Murderers

By Nicholas M. Horrock

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (UPI).—The Central Intelligence Agency studied whether a human being could be induced secretly to commit an assassination against his will, newly released government documents disclosed yesterday.

It was the first documentary evidence that the CIA contemplated a situation where a man

or a woman could be induced to assassinate someone involuntarily. The study was disclosed in a series of 1964 memorandums made public under a Freedom of Information Act request by The New York Times and others. The documents were prepared as part of Operation Artichoke, one of four CIA programs to conduct mind-control experiments between 1949 and 1974.

There is no indication in the documents released that the CIA attempted to use mind control in an actual assassination attempt. However, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence reported in 1976 that the CIA plotted three assassinations and became indirectly involved in several others.

According to the documents, an "Artichoke team," which usually

included interrogation experts, drug experts and psychiatrists or psychologists, was asked to evaluate a hypothetical problem in January, 1964:

"Can an individual of [deleted nationality] descent be made to perform an act of attempted assassination involuntarily under the influence of Artichoke?"

Artichoke, the documents indicate, was a code name and not a specific substance.

The memorandum, in which—as is the case in most documents released by the agency—the names of individuals, government agencies or locations were deleted, described the following "problem."

"Trigger Mechanism"

"As a 'trigger mechanism' for a bigger project, it was proposed that an individual of [deleted] descent, approximately 35 years old, well-educated, proficient in English and well-established socially and politically in the [deleted] government, be induced under Artichoke to perform an act, involuntarily, against a prominent [deleted] politician or, if necessary, against an American official."

It also noted, "Access to the subject would be extremely limited, probably limited to a single social meeting. Because the subject is a heavy drinker, it was proposed that the individual could be surreptitiously drugged through the medium of an alcoholic cocktail at a social party. Artichoke applied, and the subject induced to perform the act of attempted assassination at some later date."

"After the act of attempted assassination was performed, it was assumed that the subject would be taken into custody by the [deleted] government and thereby 'disposed of,'" the memorandum said.

The Artichoke team reported that it did not think the plan was feasible because it would have insufficient control over the subject. It said that he would be "unreliable" and the team's access to the subject would involve both "cleared" personnel—CIA employees—and "uncleared" personnel.

Operational Limitations

"Whether it was carried out or not... under crash conditions and appropriate authority from headquarters," the Artichoke team would undertake the problem in spite of operational limitations, the memorandum said.

In late January, 1964, there is a dispatch accompanying the memorandum that says: "Hereafter, report of Artichoke team on first assignment. Considering the speed with which we had to operate, I believe it went extremely well. We were ready when called upon for support, even though the operation did not materialize."

Several groups have studied the documents to see if they provide any evidence for the inquiries into the assassination of President Kennedy or the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. Members of a nonprofit group, the Assassination Information Bureau, noted that the security officer for Artichoke, Sheffield Edwards, was later the CIA man assigned to form the assassination team that made attempts on the life of President Fidel Castro of Cuba.

Strikes Hold Up German Presses

BONN, Feb. 9 (Reuters).—Millions of West Germans went without morning newspapers today when unofficial strikes by printers stopped 21 daily newspapers from appearing, the Newspaper Publishers Federation said.

The strikes were called to protest the threatened loss of jobs because of the introduction of computer printing techniques. Circulation losses amounted to more than four million copies, a federation spokesman said.

The major publishers were back to normal today, but the spokesman said that the printers' trade union is expected to call limited strikes at other plants today. The printers called the strikes after publishers refused to reopen negotiations on the draft agreement of a new contract.

Focus in Probe of FBI Reportedly Is Shifted

By Ronald J. Ostrow

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Two former FBI directors and former Acting Director Patrick Gray 3d have become the focus of an investigation of FBI break-ins, it was learned yesterday.

The restructured Justice Department investigation thus reflects a decision to abandon the strategy of moving up the ladder of FBI authority a rung at a time in an effort to fix responsibility for illegal actions.

Sources familiar with the sensitive investigation said that the questioning in recent weeks of former FBI officials who allegedly had roles in authorizing the break-ins had disclosed the new direction of the inquiry.

The shift is said to reflect Attorney General Griffin Bell's desire to complete the investigations as quickly as possible.

Difficult to Believe

At the same time, it was learned, department investigators have been unable to establish that authorization for the illegal entries came from outside the bureau. Mr. Bell has said he finds it difficult to believe that the FBI would undertake the illegal operations on its own.

The present strategy of concentrating on former high FBI officials has emerged from the new group of eight Justice Department lawyers assigned to the case in December after a five-man team quit the case in a policy disagreement with Mr. Bell.

As a result, primary targets of the inquiry being conducted through a federal grand jury here are said to be Mr. Gray; Mark Felt, the bureau's No. 2 man under Mr. Gray; and Edward Miller, former assistant director

To Top Former Officials

In charge of the FBI's Domestic Intelligence Division.

The role of a former deputy to Mr. Miller, Robert Shackelford, is also understood to be under study by department attorneys.

The fact that a new strategy had been adopted became clear when the department allowed the five-year statute of limitations to expire on a former assistant director, Andrew Decker Jr., who retired from the FBI last Dec. 30.

Mr. Decker was special agent in charge of the Domestic Security Division in the FBI's New York field office until January, 1973. In that position he supervised the activities of Squad 47, which committed the illegal entries in searching for fugitive members of the Weather Underground.

Last summer, the department decided against prosecuting Mr. Decker's predecessor in the job, John Morley.

A pretrial conference last week in the case of the only FBI man indicted so far, John Kearney, indicated that Mr. Kearney's trial is likely to begin in mid-June. The lengthy and complex "discovery" process, under which Mr. Kearney's defense lawyers review thousands of pages of government documents, is expected to be completed by May 1.

"Paper Trail"

Mr. Kearney, who headed Squad 47 until he retired from the FBI in 1974, was indicted last April on kidnapping and mail-opening charges.

Despite the decision to concentrate on the former high bureau officials, investigators are understood to be having difficulty in recovering what a source called a "paper trail" of documentary evidence, particularly against Mr. Gray.

Mr. Miller declined comment yesterday while Mr. Gray and Mr. Felt could not be reached.

"There is a solid case in terms of evidence against Miller and Felt," a source said, "but it's not necessarily winnable."

His comment referred to the defense that prosecutors expect FBI men to adopt—that the break-ins and related steps were necessary in hunting for fugitives from a terrorist group that had admitted bombings.

Judge Is Defied

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Two Justice Department lawyers told a federal judge here that they were

500,000 More Contract Flu in Japan Epidemic

TOKYO, Feb. 9 (Reuters).—More than 500,000 Japanese have been stricken by influenza during the last week, the Health and Welfare Ministry announced today.

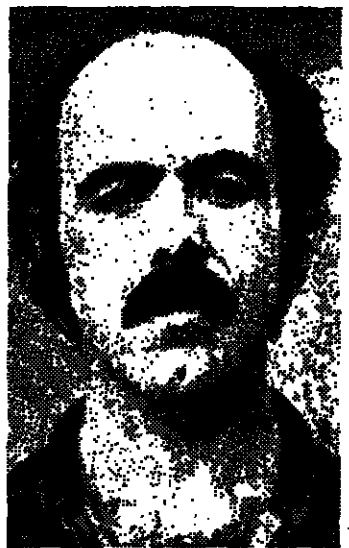
It said 1,190,000 persons have been affected by two strains of the flu virus, compared with 622,000 a week ago.

Since the epidemic began last October, the Hong Kong flu virus has spread virtually throughout the country, while the Russian strain has hit 26 of the 47 prefectures.

The disease has forced the closure of 673 schools.

Epidemic in Hungary

BUDAPEST, Feb. 9 (Reuters).—About 500,000 Hungarians have gotten the flu in an epidemic that began three weeks ago, the official MTI news agency has reported. The figure is one-twentieth of the population.



Ned T. York, a photo from a model agency.

Man Arrested As 'Strangler' May Be Freed

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9 (UPI).—A hit-part actor booked on suspicion of being the "Hillside Strangler" of 12 young women after a babbling, incoherent statement accepting responsibility for the killings, apparently has no connection with the case and may be released from custody by Saturday.

"There is no evidence so far to link him to the murders," said Lt. Dan Cooke, spokesman for the 49-member Strangler task force, today. "The only link we have found to link him to anything is a marijuana substance called a 'Tina stick' that we found at his residence."

The actor, Ned T. York, 37, remained in custody for intensive questioning by the task force, which can legally hold him for 72 hours after booking before arraignment.

The police, who held a full-scale news conference yesterday to announce the actor's arrest, said today they had no alternative but to book him because of undisclosed statements York made in the past that he accepted responsibility for the killings.

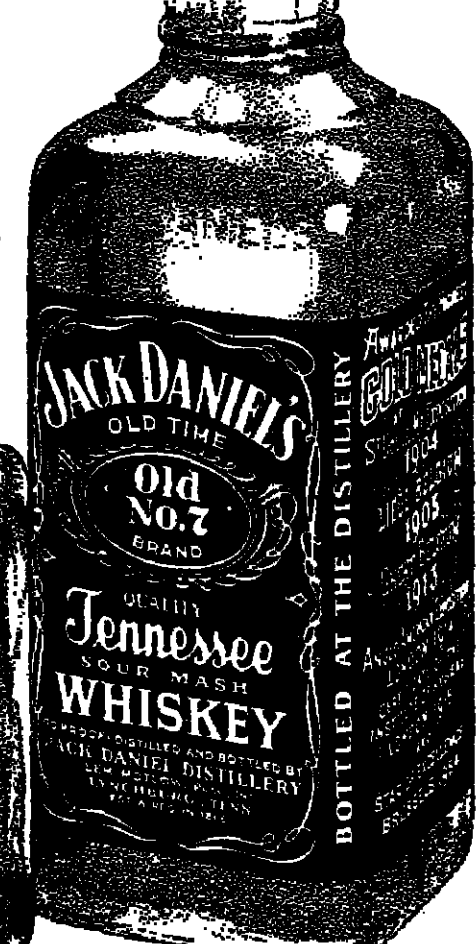
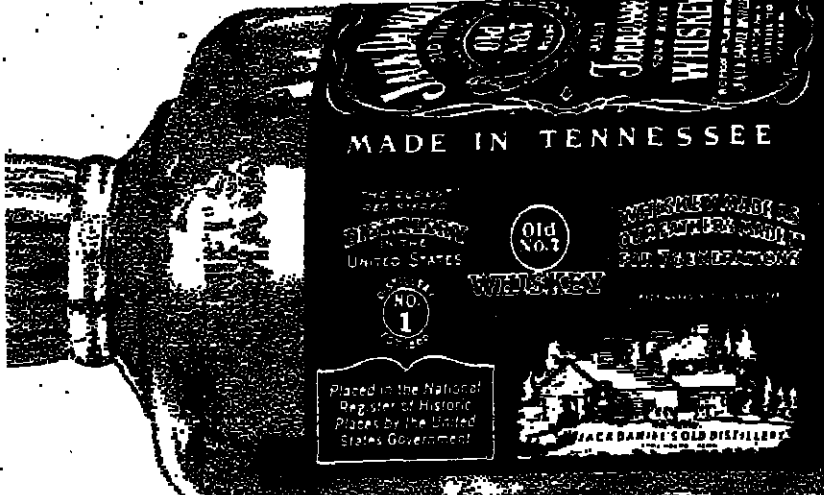
Lt. Cooke said York made no further implicating statements during questioning today and may have been intoxicated by drugs when he made the original statements.

The "Hillside Strangler" murders started in September last year and the most recent victim was found Dec. 13.

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Implications in Lebanon

That there should be fighting near Beirut is, unfortunately for the Lebanese, not too surprising. And that this fighting should not be regarded as a private affair for Lebanon is also characteristic of most warfare, civil or between states. When the guns that know no doubts begin firing, doubts must arise in many places far from the lethal sound. But the latest outbreak in Lebanon has some special implications for the current Mideast negotiations.

It involves the Lebanese Army and rightist Christians on one side and the Syrian police troops on the other. Officials say that the shooting is the not unfamiliar concomitant of having occupation troops from across the border, even when that border is ostensibly a friendly one and the forces sent over it are performing a very useful function in diminishing the terrorism left over from Lebanon's long internal strife. However, there are particular elements involved.

Lebanon, and especially its Christian community, has memories of an almost perennial conflict with Moslem Syria, and fears of the deep-rooted ambition in Damascus to attain a greater Syria—to go back to that older geographical concept of which Lebanon was only the coastal portion. So, however much the Lebanese may have welcomed Syrian intervention to end the civil strife, the suspicions remain.

Moreover, Syria's President Assad has aligned himself with the more intransigent Arab states against Egyptian-Israeli peace moves, which has broken the virtual co-

operation of Syrians and Israelis in putting down Palestinian extremists in Lebanon and has raised new questions about what the Syrian presence will mean for the Lebanese and the Middle Eastern problem as a whole.

These factors, the importance of which cannot be very precisely determined so far as the present fighting is concerned, may have intensified the normal frictions of an alien police force in a nation that is still divided on many issues and by many emotions. And they also cast some doubt on whether such policing can be effective in promoting a transition period while more definite political settlements are worked out between Israel and the Arabs.

In other words, could Israeli troops maintain such policing in Sinai and the West Bank, mingling with Israeli settlements in the area, while definite sovereignty was put, so to speak, in escrow? The original occupation arrangements made by Israel after 1967 worked quite well. But tensions have risen; terrorism has accompanied them and it is becoming increasingly difficult to foresee a peaceable kind of policing in the contested regions without specific political agreements there.

Perhaps a UN force could do the job; it has managed to coexist with the inhabitants in a number of areas. But the UN itself is an unstable institution today, riven by many forms of disaffection. So it begins to appear that temporary solutions to the Israeli-Arab frictions may not lead to permanent peace, but might even accelerate another grim showdown.

Making Sense of U.S. Arms Sales

The Carter administration seems headed for a needless confrontation with Congress over arms sales to foreign governments. The administration has set itself limits for sales that it now seems incapable of meeting. Congress is sure to cry foul. But what matters is not so much whether the United States meets self-imposed standards for virtuous restraint as whether its arms sales exacerbate or reduce the prospects of war. That issue deserves careful consideration by the Congress, as well as by the administration.

The President himself put the spotlight on overall limits last May, when he announced that in each fiscal year the United States would aim for military sales smaller than those of the preceding year. Ever since then, however, the bureaucracy has seemed to take with one hand what it gave with the other. Last week, for example, when the White House announced that 1978 sales would be down 8 per cent from last year, to \$8.6 billion, it also admitted that the figure did not include \$2.5 billion for military construction, mostly in Saudi Arabia.

Arbitrary dollar ceilings are indeed useful, not as highly publicized targets but because they require the administration to compile its own priority list and justifications of sales proposals. Those justifications, and not dollar ceilings, are what should interest Congress. Critics of arms sales worry that the United States often seems to fuel local arms races—sometimes even arming both sides—and so exacerbates the potential for conflict in areas such as the Middle East and Latin America.

Arms sales have grown steadily in their importance for U.S. foreign policy. Until the 1960s, U.S. arms went mostly to allies, and created little controversy. Now, however, sizable shipments go to nations tied much less closely to the United States. Yet their potential use might deeply involve the United States in foreign conflicts. No wonder that many members of Congress wish to share responsibility with the administration in deciding who should receive our weapons.

The administration now must bring to Congress any proposals for significant arms sales. If within 60 days both houses do not vote to disallow a sale, it can take place. The advantage of this procedure is that it gives Congress a veto. The disadvantage is that Congress is asked to pass judgment on separate requests every few weeks throughout the year. Never is the administration required to present a comprehensive program together with an analysis of its overall effects.

Last year, Sen. Jacob Javits proposed that the administration send Congress such a plan annually. Overall congressional authorization would be required before the administration could close individual sales. If it wanted to add to the list later, it would need to return to Congress for separate authorizations.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee formally placed the administration on notice that it would adopt his proposal this year. The administration has objected. Governments do not request arms according to the calendar, it says. Rather than wait until Congress completes its scrutiny of a comprehensive program, they would seek other, more obliging suppliers. That risk seems exaggerated. Governments do not decide to make major arms purchases overnight. Often there are no alternative sources. And, especially for highly sophisticated weapons, changing suppliers often means making other difficult and costly changes—in training and maintenance, for example. In any case, the administration now already makes comprehensive arms sales plans. Why should it not share them with Congress?

THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Indochina Food Aid

A request by 18 senators, backed by some 60 private organizations, to send emergency food aid to Vietnam and Laos puts President Carter's humanitarianism to a difficult political test. The international agencies report that the two countries are badly short on wheat and rice, leaving it to others to argue whether the shortfall is due more to weather or political disruptions. But the two states are also on poor terms with the United States. The U.S. Embassy remains open in Laos, though relations are minimal. There is no U.S. mission in Vietnam, and talks to normalize relations have been nursed along slowly: on the U.S. side there is no great inclination to press the pace while the Panama treaties are being debated. The espionage charges that led the State Department to oust Vietnam's UN envoy the other day indicate how brittle things are.

It will surprise no one that it was Hubert

Humphrey who, just before he died, took the lead in organizing a Senate petition to Mr. Carter on this issue. He was aware that Congress has shown scant sympathy for the administration's effort at reconciliation with the Communist victors of the Indochina war. Nor did he pretend that the food question, or even the larger reconciliation question, are priority concerns for the United States. But he did recall some relevant precedents in offering humanitarian aid to former foes, and he pointed out the few channels that Congress has left open by which a modest amount of assistance might now flow. Surplus food happens to be running out of the U.S. ear right now. "Thank you very much for your thoughtful consideration in this matter," Sen. Humphrey and his colleagues concluded. President Carter has yet to respond.

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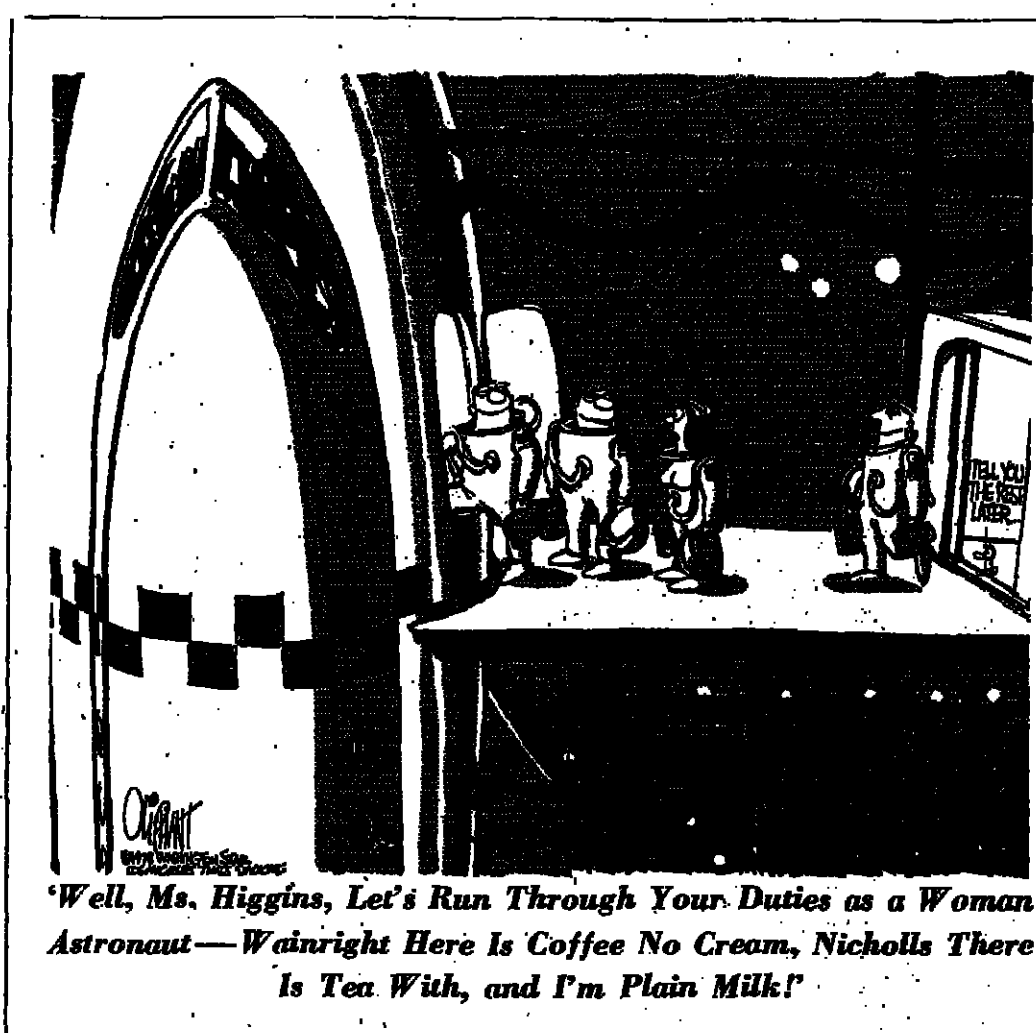
February 16, 1903

COPENHAGEN—The sale of the Danish Antilles to the United States is revived again. It will be remembered that last year the proposal was rejected because there was an equal number of votes in Parliament for and against it. Since then, a member of the hostile party has died, and it is thought the government will take advantage of the new opportunity to reintroduce the bill.

Fifty Years Ago

February 16, 1928

CAWACI, Fiji Islands—From a life of barbarism to a pillar of the church, Daniel Vunivili, who has received a Papal decoration from Rome for faithful services, is the son of one of the most feared and dreaded cannibal chiefs in Fiji. Vunivili became a member of the Roman Catholic Church 70 years ago and his long devotion was climaxed today when he was notified that the Pope had conferred upon him the medal, "Bene Merenti."



'Well, Ms. Higgins, Let's Run Through Your Duties as a Woman Astronaut—Wainright Here Is Coffee No Cream, Nicholls There Is Tea With, and I'm Plain Milk!'

A Letter From Sakharov

By Andrei D. Sakharov

MOSCOW—On Sept. 27, 1977, I sent to the correspondent of The New York Times the text of my "Appeal to the Parliaments of All Countries Signatory to the Final Act of the Helsinki Conference" for publication on the opening day of the Belgrade conference. I was pleased that publication did occur, considering it as the fulfillment of my and your obligation with respect to the defense of human rights.

Naturally, such a text should be published exactly as in the original. Regrettably, as published in The New York Times, the International Herald Tribune (in Paris), (IHT, Oct. 6) and as broadcast on the Voice of America to the U.S.S.R., there were substantial changes in the text not cleared with the author of the "Appeal." Publication even of this sort had a certain positive effect, but considerably weakened. I request publication in the above newspapers and over the radio of this letter, containing essential corrections.

1. Use the title I wrote: In the newspaper (International Herald Tribune): "Moscow's One-Sided View of Rights" (IHT, Oct. 6). I did not write a newspaper article, but an "Appeal" to the parliaments, to definite addresses and requiring definite reactions. It is not out of place to recall that the text of the "Appeal" was given personally by me to the embassies of eight countries, members of the Helsinki conference. This was an unusual action in our circumstances.

2. My text: "I appeal particularly to the Congress of the United States of America. The U.S. President, supported by the enormous power and influence of that country, inspire potent initiatives and therefore may be alarming to President Carter. So it is hardly astonishing that a Democratic commission has proposed 'reforms' that would make another Carter-style success even harder than the first one was."

In the newspaper was written this, supposedly by me: "I particularly appeal to the United States Congress, and President Carter, supported by the enormous power and influence of his country, drawing on the clearly expressed will and tradition of a free people, to declare the defense of human rights in the whole world to be a fundamental moral policy of the United States."

Thus, the call to action was replaced with a call for yet another declaration. I consider such a change to my text completely inadmissible, distorting its political sense.

Letters

Mideast Tensions

The hypocritical theater mounted by five British members of Parliament in the guise of advice to President Carter (Letters, Jan. 31) must not pass unchallenged. Peace in the Middle East is not served by such advice from perfidious Albion. Let none forget how the British vetoed out of their promises and obligations to the Jews during the Palestine mandate. More British arrogance, mischief and inhumanity are not needed in this troubled area. Better, these members of Parliament should advise their own government to remove its troops from Ireland.

A. FRAYSE

Taurichen, West Germany.

3. Restore my original text (with those slight corrections noted below in italics):

"I refer here to persecution for religious activity; to the refusal to allow Pentecostals and Baptists, many Germans and Jews, and people of other nationalities to emigrate; to the repression for their humane and lawful activities suffered by Kovalev, Ghanman, Vins, Romsayuk, Soldatov, Ogurtsov, Semenov, Sergeenko, Kyrenad, Olskov, Superfin, Gayskuz, Ruban and hundreds of others; I refer to those suffering for attempts to leave the country. An extraordinarily disturbing fact is the repression for the collection and publication of materials on violations of the humanitarian articles of the Helsinki declarations..."

"The monstrous cruelty of the sentences imposed on Rudenko and Tikhy, the arrests of Olov, Ginzburg, Sheheravsky, Mazinovich, Matuyevich, Gamsakhurdia, Kostov, Tyutkin, Serchov, the exile of M. Land—these are not simply routine violations of the right of freedom of conscience, but a defiant act on the part of the Soviet authorities—a test of the resolve of the West to insist on the fulfillment of the principles proclaimed at Helsinki."

In the newspaper, all the names were omitted, except the five names of the members of the Helsinki groups, distorting the general sense of the paragraph in an intolerable way. The struggle

and the suffering of Kovalev and the others, known to me, deserve the greatest respect. We here are persuaded that mentioning individual people in the press, and over the radio is very important, and has a real practical significance.

Any Western publication can obtain access to materials on their identification, for example, in New York, Khronika Press has them. It would have been very easy to annotate my text.

Principles

Today, during the days of the Belgrade conference, political prisoners in the U.S.S.R. are carrying out a hunger strike, fighting not for themselves but for the principles which should be dear to all freedom-loving people. Let us be worthy of them! I attach fundamental importance to the correction of these distortions. Similar occurrences in publications by me and other dissidents take place all too often. We have been carrying on a difficult struggle for publicity, bringing with it heavy sacrifices. It is intolerable when: distortions of our voices, reaching the West with such difficulty, rob us, if only partially, of the fruits of this struggle.

Mr. Sakharov, Soviet physicist and dissident leader, won the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1975. This letter was sent to and printed by The New York Times.

On Reforms Aiding Incumbents

By George F. Will

WASHINGTON—The example of candidate Carter, the outsider who routed incumbents, may inspire potent initiatives and therefore may be alarming to President Carter. So it is hardly astonishing that a Democratic commission has proposed "reforms" that would make another Carter-style success even harder than the first one was.

The commission wants delegate selection to begin on the second Tuesday in March. So it wants Iowa to move its caucuses, and New Hampshire and other states to move their primaries. They probably will refuse.

New Hampshire knows the political and cash value of the nation's first primary. And state law says the primary must be held, as early as necessary in order to remain first. Iowa learned in 1976 how important caucuses can be if they come before the first primary.

Those who favor squeezing into 13 weeks a process that took 21 weeks in 1976 say that a shorter season would be less boring to the public and less grueling for candidates. Actually, clustering delegate selection votes will not shorten the campaign, which in any case will begin after the mid-term elections. But it would handicap "outsider" candidates.

Senators and presidents have access to Washington's concentrated media. They are known nationally, and can get continuous publicity in the White House, in the Senate press gallery—with-out any formal accomplishment in the delegate selection process. But other candidates have to win something before they get regular and heavy coverage.

The new rules would mean that an "outsider" would have to wait longer—until at least six weeks nearer to the convention—for a chance to win something. The new rules would eliminate the outsider's chance to do what Carter did in Iowa, when he became a front-runner in January.

In a 13-week delegate selection season, there will be clusters of primaries and caucuses each Tuesday. So even if an outsider does manage to make a breakthrough in the traditional way—in a small state like Iowa or New Hampshire—the impact of his achievement will be diminished by simultaneous returns from larger states, where Washington figures with national "name recognition" have the advantage.

Proposed Rule

Another proposed rule would divide the shortened season into trimesters. Under 1976 rules, any candidate receiving 15 per cent of any state's votes was entitled to a proportional share of delegates. Under the proposed rule, in the second month the threshold for entitlement to delegates would rise to 20 per cent, and in the third month only candidates receiving 25 per cent would be entitled to delegates.

Recent reforms were designed to increase the extent to which delegate distribution would mirror the distribution of votes. The proposed change moves in the opposite direction, and would increase the likelihood of winner-take-all outcomes in the third month, when nearly 60 per cent of all delegates are chosen. It is argued that this would encourage a consensus, or the appearance of it. But a more plausible reason for a "25-per-cent threshold" in late primaries is that in 1976 there were two

Harry Debelius

From Madrid:

The TV scandal cannot be measured in terms of...

dollars. There is a growing resentment among viewers...

about how they have been defrauded in terms of...

information...

MADRID—No spectacular provision by the Spanish television network in its 21-year history has ever held its audience so spellbound as the inside story of that corrupt, expensive, inept—and above all dull—network itself.

Tel those who have worked in Television Española say that the sensational revelations which have leaked out after the formation of a special TV employees' clean-up committee have barely begun to scratch the surface. They claim that the cover-ups are so deep that the bottom of the mess is unlikely to be reached—at least not as long as former director-general of radio and television Adolfo Suarez is Premier.

The scandal cannot be measured in terms of millions of wasted or stolen dollars. There is growing resentment among viewers about how they have been defrauded in terms of information, about the role of the television monopoly as protagonist or eager collaborator in promoting the policies of the Spanish dictator—and even those of his successors.

Power

The network not only functions as a stepping-stone to fortune, influence and power in the past, to some extent it still does. Seldom has the Spanish word for "pull" or influence—*enchufe* (literally, a plug such as that used for an electrical fixture)—found a better natural habitat. The last retreat of "the bunker" (a term used in Spain to describe pro-Franco diehards), Spanish television continues to this day to "manage" the news—despite repeated announcements since the dictator's death that news coverage would be more honest. But, then, the same promise was made when Mr. Suarez was running the television show and the generalissimo was running the country.

As if proof of such continued tampering with news were needed, the producers of Spain's four daily television news shows (two shows on each channel) quit en masse at the end of last month, alleging that the independence of the press was being threatened. They promised was being taken away from them as a result of a deci-

Junket

Such remarkable arrangements are not just a part of the Franco past. In the summer of 1975, only a few months before the dictator's death, Spain's two TV executives in charge of producing and broadcasting various shows went to the United States on a junket sponsored by CBS-TV.

After they returned, Spanish TV agreed to record not one but four "specials" with singer Raffaella Carrà, under contract to CBS. Other CBS-contracted singers have appeared with notable frequency over the past few years on Spanish TV. Up to now, there have been no payoffs, prob-

For many years, a single electronic equipment supplier has almost exclusively filled the needs of the Spanish TV network. That supplier has on occasion been as much as two years late in meeting the scheduled delivery date.

"The fundamental information remains beyond the reach of the committee," wrote Spanish journalist Gregorio Moran in a recent detailed review of unorthodox aspects of RTVE, published by the independent Madrid daily El Pais. "The only course open to it is to denounce the intermediate level of persons who enjoy reimbursement which is so enormous that it is at least questionable. Only a few newsreaders can reach the pinnacle in the most extreme cases," he said.

All of this would be of less concern to the Spanish taxpayer if it were not for the fact that RTVE is a deficit operation, although it accepts advertising at rates which would gladden the hearts of executives of big commercial networks in other countries.

But the unpardonable sin of the government-run (as distinguished from state-run) network is that its quality is generally as bad as its internal moral structure.

The Spaniards' only consolation is that they do not pay an annual television-receiver tax as many other Europeans do. Not yet, anyway.

System Maintains Power of Elite

Czechoslovakia Stagnating Under Rule of Bureaucrats

By David A. Andelman

PRAGUE (NYT)—Over the last 10 years, since the liberal Czechoslovak regime of Alexander Dubcek was replaced by the tough, Soviet-backed regime of Gustav Husak, more than 400,000 people have lost their jobs or been substantially demoted, according to the estimates of Western diplomats and Czechoslovaks who follow the matter.

Into their places—in universities, schools, trade unions, factories, government offices, film studios and publishing enterprises—have slipped others who are considered "reliable," with none of the "bourgeois tendencies" or desire to criticize the system or the way it is run.

"Another word for it would be mediocrity," said a university professor who was a victim of the purge. "You must have no imagination today or at any rate the ability to disguise it well. And mediocrity perpetuates mediocrity."

This overwhelming desire for self-perpetuation is resulting in a calcification of the bureaucracy and much of the creative network that it controls.

And it is largely for this reason that few Western diplomats or Czechoslovaks who are not part of the new structure believe there will be any substantive change in the political or cultural climate in the near future, despite the government's growing desire to present to the world a more enlightened and humanistic image.

It is difficult to overestimate the hatred and contempt with which such officials and most party members are held by the 80 per cent of the population who are not members of the Communist party, and most Western diplomats believe this attitude is hardening.

Long-time friends have split with each other over the question as some realize the ad-

privileges of rank. For those who have taken their places, the incentives to stay there are very strong. As in much of Eastern Europe there are the official perquisites of chauffeured cars, official apartments, summer and winter cottages, trips to the resorts of the Black Sea and even the ski country of West Germany and Austria and, of course, the salaries and bonuses that may be 10, even 20 times those of manual workers.

Party membership is an avenue to schools, universities and institutes closed to most students. And to make certain that the top jobs go only to the most reliable, the list of positions filled by the party and even directly by Mr. Husak, the nation's President and Communist party general secretary, has expanded in recent years.

A vast and intricate system has grown up, recently to perpetuate the rule of the new elite and to make certain that it is passed intact to the next generation.

At the heart of this system is a device known as the nomenclature. According to several insiders familiar with its functioning, the outlines of which are



FOR THE RIDE BEYOND—A warrior and his horse buried together about 5,000 years ago in what is now East Slovakia. Czech scientists digging in the area discovered 42 skeletons dating to the early Stone Age.

known and despised by most Czechoslovaks, the nomenclature is much like a system of tenure in a Western university. Once a person is inscribed in it, it is almost impossible for him to be thrown out, except for an ideological lapse.

"Say I'm inscribed in the regional nomenclature," said a Czechoslovak with close party connections, "and in some way I botch the job, the plant loses money, the workers all want to quit, and I'm fired. I'll simply get another job somewhere managing another factory. I'm acceptable and accepted. I'm a good party man or trade unionist or what-have-you. I'm secure for life."

It is for this reason most Czechoslovaks and many Western diplomats doubt that any substantive change in the system of political, cultural and industrial control is possible in the near future.

The cultural unions—the Writers' Union, the Union of Creative Workers—are frequently cited in this regard. In recent months

there have been several cases of public recantations by writers and artists who were prominent before and during the liberalization of 1968 and who now have been allowed for public confession of their political sins, to re-emerge into a degree of visibility, though far from full acceptability.

Their books have been published in limited editions of 2,000 or 3,000 copies. Their films are shown in a few select theaters, always with long lines.

But most Czech artists and Western diplomats who follow cultural life believe that most of that is done just for show. And the fundamental reason, again, is security and perquisites. And much of the same is true in the trade unions, the major factory enterprises and government offices.

"Security, and by that I mean job and professional security, has become more important to all of us than creativity or imagination," a Czechoslovak teacher said. "All retreated into a shell where they could touch us, but which we can't reach out from."

Left Drops in Opinion Poll

French Reds Say Socialists May Plan to Dump Them

PARIS, Feb. 9 (AP)—The French Communist party charged today that their former Socialist allies may be planning to dump them in favor of a center-left coalition after next month's legislative elections.

With the latest public opinion poll showing the combined left still leading the ruling majority by 50 per cent to 45 per cent, Communist party leader Georges Marchais warned on a television program that the Socialists appeared to be considering "excluding the Communists" from government.

René Audrieu, editor of the Communist daily, *L'Humanité*, and a member of the party's Central Committee, also mentioned the possibility openly for the first time.

The poll in the daily *Le Figaro* showed that the left had slipped by two points since last month in voters' preference for the first round ballot on March 12. The Communists lost one point, falling to 20 per cent support, while the Socialists and their Radical-Left allies stayed steady at 28 per cent. Two per cent was attributed to extreme leftist voters, while the extreme right figured in the poll for the first time with 1 per cent. The government coalition gained one percentage point—from 44 per cent last month to 45 per cent.

2d Round to Decide

But the election result will depend on second-round voting on March 19 in many constituencies, where there is no clear winner on March 12. Whether parties will withdraw their losing candidates in favor of better-placed allies and how voters will follow the party lead remain the crucial and unsolved issues.

The Socialists and Communists split last year over updating their joint platform, which was signed in 1972. The Communists have since begun a major publicity campaign that accuses the Socialists of "burning right."

President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, whose term expires in 1981, has said that he would like to see France ruled by a broad centrist coalition, excluding both the Communists and the hard-line Gaullists.

Justice Minister Alain Peyrefitte, a veteran Gaullist, said last night that an electoral victory by the ruling coalition "would allow the majority to be broadened to [include] the Socialists."

Mr. Audrieu today rejected an appeal by Socialist leader François Mitterrand for the Communists automatically to swing their votes on the second round to leading Socialist candidates. "Too often in the past," he said, "the non-Communist left benefited from our [actions] and did not always repay, and then took advantage to run a rightist policy when it had promised a leftist policy."

"We do not want to run the risk of supporting a policy that we have not had time to define. That must be clear."

The Communists have offered to renegotiate the joint program even in the week between the two ballots. But Mr. Mitterrand has offered only an agreement on general policy principles and then only if the Communists pledge their votes.

Mr. Marchais told journalists privately that the Socialists were "in for a big shock if they are calculating [that] our voters will automatically swing to them unless they have party orders."

The Communists regularly poll about 5 million of the approximately 25 million votes in France. Mr. Marchais has led a campaign to increase the party's share with the announced intention of playing an equal role with the Socialists.

Cambodia Notes Further Fighting With Vietnamese

BANGKOK, Feb. 9 (AP)—Cambodia today reported renewed fighting in the Parrot's Beak, accusing Vietnamese forces of conducting ground attacks and shelling in that Cambodian territory which falls into Vietnam.

The radio in Phnom Penh said Vietnamese artillery pounded areas of Svay Rieng Province between Tuesday and Wednesday and reported ground fighting in the region Saturday and Sunday.

The Parrot's Beak, which was the site of a controversial U.S. invasion in 1970, is in Svay Rieng Province. It also was the focal point of a large-scale Vietnamese invasion late last year. But in recent weeks the fighting appeared to have shifted to the southern stretch of the frontier below Svay Rieng.

Earlier Phnom Penh broadcasts said that as of Tuesday fighting was continuing along the border about 72 kilometers south of Phnom Penh.

Cambodia has not referred directly to a Vietnamese peace proposal, which was unveiled by Hanoi Sunday and presented to the United Nations Wednesday. But the Phnom Penh radio in a broadcast yesterday accused Vietnam of "sabotaging" about peace while violating Cambodian territory.



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Herbert Kappler
... in jail in 1975.



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Herbert Kappler
... at his trial in 1948.

Obituaries

Herbert Kappler, 70, Fugitive Wartime SS Chief in Rome

SOLTAU, West Germany, Feb. 9 (Reuters)—Herbert Kappler, 70, the fugitive Nazi war criminal, died here today six months after he escaped from a Rome military hospital, the state Justice Ministry of Lower Saxony said.

The former SS colonel died during the night at his wife's home in this north German town. He was suffering from abdominal cancer.

The giant wartime SS chief of Rome was brought here by his wife, Anneliese, who smuggled him out of the hospital on Aug. 15, last year. He had been serving a life sentence imposed by an Italian court in 1948 for the reprisal shooting of 335 hostages after a partisan attack on German occupation troops.

His escape severely strained West German-Italian relations and the Bonn government's refusal to return him led to anti-German riots in Italy. Shortly after the escape, Italian Premier Giulio Andreotti postponed a meeting he was due to have with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. Defense Minister Vito Lattanzio, who had been criticized over the escape, was changed to the post of transport minister.

The government here said the West German Constitution forbids the extradition of German nationals. The Lüneburg public prosecutor said he had been investigating whether Kappler could be tried by a West German court for his crimes.

Mrs. Kappler, 53, a nurse who married Kappler in prison in 1973 said she helped him escape down a rope from the third floor of the hospital and drove him across the border in the trunk of her car.

The Nazi government in Berlin ordered Kappler to shoot 10 times as many Italians in reprisal for 32 German soldiers who died in a partisan attack in central Rome in 1944. Within 36 hours, Nazi troops rounded up several truck loads of Italian civilians and shot them in the ancient Ardeatine caves south of the city.

Hans Stuck

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, West Germany, Feb. 9 (AP)—Hans Stuck, 78, winner of the 1934 German Grand Prix auto race and father of the West German Formula One driver Hans-Joachim Stuck, died here yesterday after a long illness, family friends said today. Mr. Stuck was known to his fans as the "Bergkönig" (mountain king) for the many Alpine car races he won in the 1930s.

Oscar L. Chapman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—Oscar L. Chapman, 81, who was secretary of the interior in the Truman administration, died yesterday.

Sam Jones

LAKE CHARLES, La., Feb. 9 (AP)—Sam Jones, 88, former governor of Louisiana, died Tuesday.

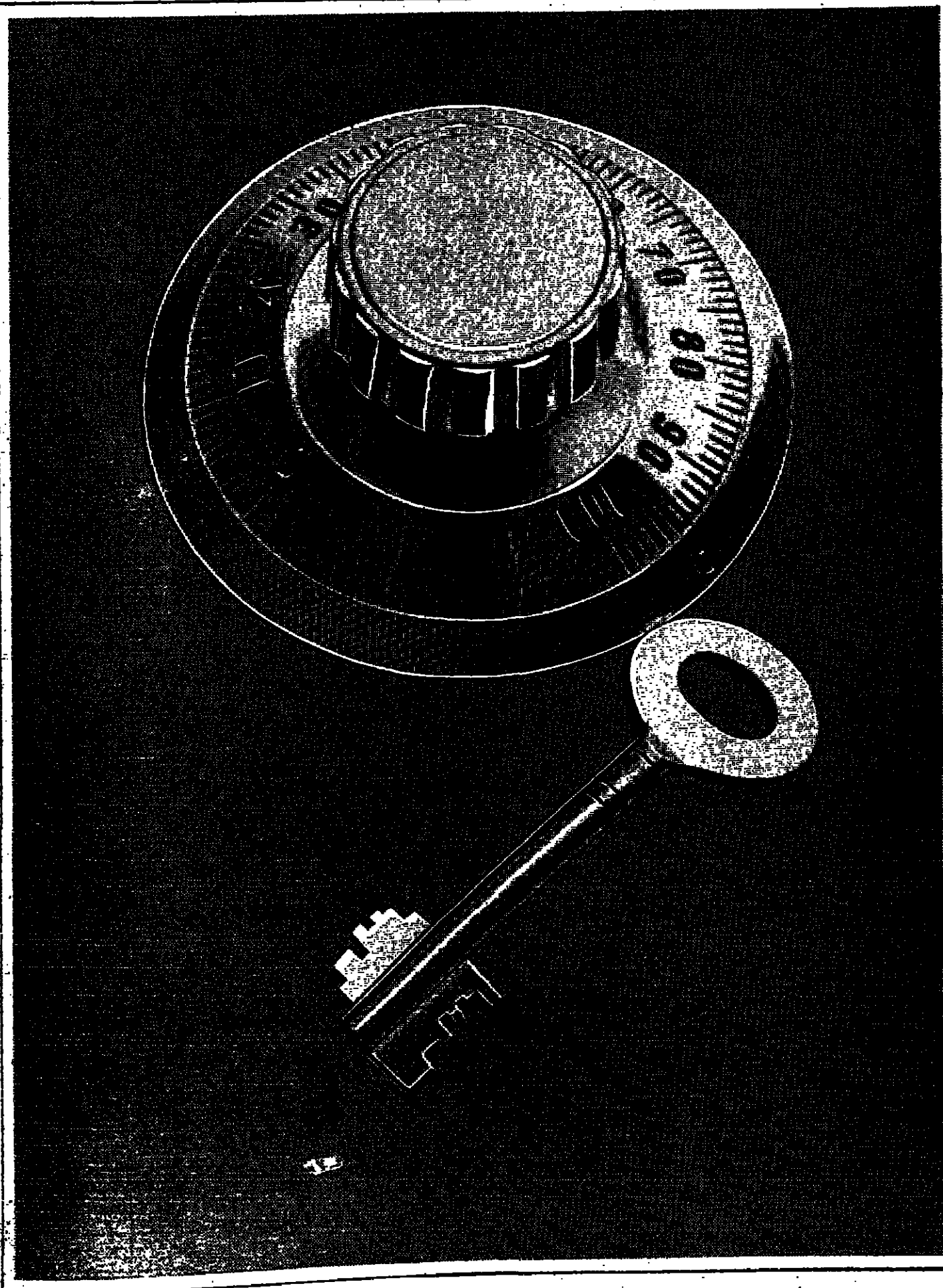
Dimitrie Cuclin

BUCHAREST, Feb. 9 (UPI)—Dimitrie Cuclin, 92, the Romanian composer, has died, the national news agency reported today. He was a professor at Bucharest's Conservatory and also had taught at the Brooklyn Conservatory in New York.

French Judge Safe, Left Bound to Tree

LYONS, Feb. 9 (Reuters)—A French judge, who was left tied to a tree for 18 hours before being released early this morning, was the victim of an unsuccessful criminal kidnapping, police commissioner Roger Chaux said here today.

Judge Noel Daix was seized by masked men in Lyons on Monday night. He was found bound and gagged in woods near here, exhausted but apparently unharmed. Mr. Chaux said the judge was probably kidnapped by criminals who panicked.



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OPERA IN LONDON

Bartok and Puccini Harnessed Together

By Henry Pleasant

LONDON, Feb. 9 (IHT).—The problem with "Gianluca Schicchi," Puccini's one-act comedy masterpiece, has always been to find the right partner, a more suitable one, in any case, than either "Il Tabarro" or "Suor Angelotta" or both, with which it originally comprised an overlong and otherwise unsatisfactory triptych.

For its new Colin Graham production, introduced at the Coliseum last night, the English National Opera has seen fit to pair it with a revival of Glen Byam Shaw's 1972 production of Bartok's "Duke Bluebeard's Castle." The result, it hardly needs to be said, is a fascinating, instructive and, on the whole, enjoyable study in contrasts.

What is highlighted by the pairing is the fact that Puccini was a man of the theater through and through, while Bartok, the profound composer of the two, was light years from being such a thing, granting an exception for "The Amazing Mandarin," a ballet where he did not have to divert attention from his instrumental music.

No Visual Assistance

The two productions make the contrast even more striking. "Duke Bluebeard's Castle" needs all the visual assistance it can get, and Shaw's production, with a set by Ralph Koltai suggesting a dungeon rather than a castle, gives it none. Bluebeard and Judith are left alone to sing each other for an hour, in an unintelligible English, with even a proper dress to open, alone seven.

Gwynne Howell and Elina Connell make sumptuous sounds, but visitors to the Coliseum will be well advised to direct their attention to the pit, where the action is brilliantly attended to by the ENO orchestra under Charles Groves. There is wonderful music in "Duke Bluebeard's Castle," but Bartok did not give it to his singers.

The new "Gianluca Schicchi," on the other hand, with Thomas Hensley, a famous Beckmesser singing Schicchi for the first time, and with huge success, is all theater, everything focused on the stage, charmingly set by David Collis and vividly peopled by as motley a gathering of greedy Florentines as can well be imagined.

Graham has changed the period by 600 years, from Renaissance to Baroque, gaining little and losing the credibility of Schicchi's fun with the old Florentine custom of chopping off the hands of those who tamper with will. But all else is in order. "Gianluca Schicchi" is good theater, as opera should be, and in this case theater is imaginatively supported by the orchestra under Mark Elder.



Terry Hands' "chessboard" staging of "Murder in the Cathedral" during rehearsal.

THEATER IN PARIS

Game's the Thing in Hands' Eliot

By Thomas Quinn Curtiss

PARIS, Feb. 9 (IHT).—Terry Hands, the British director who has staged Shakespeare in the House of Molière, is being represented in Paris at the moment by a new production of "Murder in the Cathedral" under the auspices of the Comédie-Française in the Palais de Chaillot.

The foreboding auditorium of the Chaillot, which since its hideous transformation might be mistaken for an underground glue factory, is a sorry site for anything. It is as ill-tuned to the kind of tragedy as it would be to the kind of comedy. The ideal Paris setting for this play—it was written for the Canterbury Festival—would be the Sainte-Chapelle, which was accorded to Grotowski for one of his theatrical experiments.

Hands' mounting is one of stark scenic appointments and its choreographic traffic trans-

pires on a chessboard floor, hinting of the devious game in which the crafty king defeats his pious opponent. The story of the assassination on Canterbury Cathedral's high altar of Thomas à Becket, the archbishop who dared to defy Henry II, served Tennyson as a historical drama and it has recently been retold by Anouilh.

Eliot's Thomas, as Allardysse Nicol observed, differs from other portraits in treatment. Here is the man fated for martyrdom, aware of his doom and unfrightened, but beset by the evils that the cloak of martyrdom conceals. Four tempters visit him. The first three he can brush aside, but the fourth, possessing something of himself, he has difficulty in thrusting away. This fourth figure holds before him a belt to his vanity—the hope of heavenly glory after death. He is, thus, doubly troubled, by his destiny and by the state of his soul.

There is an ironic conclusion, with the knights who have slain him rationalizing their murder, while the women of Canterbury moan their lamentations.

It is often claimed that Eliot restored the poetic drama to the modern theater. Actually, the 20th century had many poetic playwrights before him. Eliot in "The Sacred Wood," while deprecating Gilbert Murray's translations of the Greek dramatists, wrote of his regard for Rostand's facile matching of words and action. And what of Claudel, of D'Aunay, of Moréas, of "Gautier" of Huysmans in verse, of Hella and of Stephen Phillips now faded fame?

Yet "Murder in the Cathedral" remains a major milestone. It brought a dignity to the stage of its era and shied with distinction in the contemporary repertoire. It is still a tonic reminder of the theatrical pulsance of beautiful language.

The current production of the play is inferior to the earlier Parisian presentation offered by the late Jean Vilar at the same theater (before its reconstruction). François Beaulieu as Becket has not Vilar's equipment, neither his authority nor his organ-toned voice, nor is he Vilar's equal as an actor. Jacques Eyser,

Michel Etcheberry, Simone Rine and Alain Frajon, doubling as the murderous knights and the tempters, form a properly sinister clan and the chorus led by Claude Winter is effective in its recital. What is missing is spontaneous dramatic life. The highly choral text demands a less studied realization on the boards. In its latest revival it is more suggestive of a religious ritual than it is of theatrical spectacle.

U.K. Budget Due April 11

LONDON, Feb. 9 (Reuters).—Britain's annual budget will be disclosed on April 11, parliament was told today. The announcement was made by the Leader of the House of Commons, Michael Foot.

Chekhov's "The Sea Gull" is a very popular play. It is, indeed, so popular that it will soon be available here in two productions that will be running simultaneously.

The first of these is already installed at the Théâtre de l'Alelier and the second is due shortly at the Théâtre Jean Vilar at Suresnes.

"The Sea Gull" ("La Mouette" in French) failed at its premiere in Saint Petersburg in 1896, its interpreters apparently confused by their assignment. However, two years later it was so appreciated in Stanislavsky's direction that a sea gull became the emblem of his Art Theater. It has been a favorite of actors and audiences everywhere ever since.

At the Alelier it again casts its blinding mood, picturing with the infinite nostalgia of a Monet

canvases a vanished world; that of life on a Russian country estate in the nineties. Once more we are in the summer mansion of Madame Trepkova, that vain, flamboyant actress on holiday, whose disputes with her son, a budding author of the new literature, ring sharply, the while his wide-eyed, innocent sweetheart, the sea gull of the title, falls victim to the mother's lover.

The play carries the evening, but the acting of the Alelier company is rarely above stock-company level. Pierre Franck's direction is disappointingly pedestrian and the scenery shoddy. A priceless jewel has been clumsily set.

SHARPS AND FLATS

LONDON.—Dexter Gordon opens for two weeks at Ronnie Scott's on Feb. 13, replacing the Woody Shaw quintet. Tina Turner will be at the Hammersmith Odeon on Feb. 11 and in Sheffield the following night at the Fiesta Club.

Emmylou Harris, touring the British Isles, is in London at the Royal Albert Hall Feb. 10; in Manchester the following night at the Free Trade Hall; in Glasgow Feb. 12 at the Apollo; in Dublin Feb. 14 at the Stadium; in Birmingham Feb. 16 at the Odeon; in Bristol Feb. 17 at the Colston Hall and in Brighton Feb. 18 at the Dome.

le Marais. Among the many performers appearing there are Yves Chialah, Christian Donnadieu, Alex Sanders, Jacky Sander, Eric Peckler and Philippe Baudouin. And on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, Arthur Simms, the talented singer-pianist, is the feature attraction. He alone is worth the visit.

The club is also a meeting place for stars in town at the moment, from Memphis Slim and Major Holley to the cast of Porgy and Bess, and they sometimes contribute to the evening's entertainment.

ARTS AGENDA

Michel Legrand will conduct the Pasdouloup Orchestra and Ivory Gills will be the soloist in the first performance of a new violin concerto by Legrand, Feb. 18 at 2:30 p.m. at the Palais des Sports in Paris. Also on the program are the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto and Sibelius' "Gymnopédie." The concert is the last in a series of Saturday afternoon concerts at the Palais des Sports, which also includes an all-Gershwin concert Feb. 11 with Noel Lee, pianist, Louis Hagen-William, bass, and Vivian Martin, soprano, conducted by Gérard Devos.

The Golden Gate Quartet will be in Strasbourg Feb. 10 at the Théâtre and in Mulhouse the following night at the Temple.

Bluesman Memphis Slim, America's "Ambassador-at-Large of Goodwill," and drummer Michael Silva start their USIS tour of Africa on Feb. 17 that will take them to Nigeria, Gabon, Cameroon and the Central African Empire and will end on March 13.

PARIS.—There will be a week of jazz at the Espaces 78, next to the American Express, from Feb. 15-23. Chick Corea and Herbie Hancock will be at the Pavillon de Paris on Feb. 17, at 8 p.m. Appearing nightly are French singer Barbara at the Olympia, bassman Major Sol-

Alfred Brendel will give four recitals devoted to Schubert's late piano works, Feb. 14, 17, 21 and 24 at the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées in Paris. The programs will include the final eight sonatas, both sets of Impromptus, the "Wanderer" Fantasy and the Moments Musicaux.

The group Mombasa will be in Zurich Feb. 11 and 13 at the Kongresshaus and in Lucerne Feb. 14 at the Casino.

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Germany in Surplus Trade With OPEC

Feb. 9 (AP-DJ).—West Germany's trade with OPEC countries has reached a new high, with a 3.677-billion-mark surplus in 1977, according to figures published by Esso AG. Of the imports, the share of OPEC countries has remained steady at 50.5 per cent in 1977 and 51.3 per cent in 1976.

Each Franc's Ground

Feb. 9 (AP-DJ).—The French franc has lost ground in the foreign exchange market, with the franc's value falling to 166.50 francs per dollar, down from 166.00 at the start of the week.

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'Instability' in Europe Cited Japan-U.S. Trade Action Urged

By Sam Jameson

TOKYO, Feb. 9.—Nobuhiko Ushiba, Japan's minister for external economic affairs, noting what he called "great instability" in Europe, warned yesterday that the United States and Japan must take the lead in bringing world trade talks to a successful conclusion.

"I think we really cannot expect much from Europe at this time," Mr. Ushiba told a dinner meeting of the Harvard Club here. Mr. Ushiba, who had just completed his second visit to Europe since assuming his cabinet post last November, said the French parliamentary election in March "is casting a long shadow on Europe."

"We have the Italian situation. (West) Germany, which seems to be the most stable country in Europe, is suffering from terrorism and espionage. And in Great Britain, the government is losing one vote after another in Parliament. It's really a wonder how they can keep on being a government."

The "main strength" for the multinational trade negotiations in Geneva therefore must come from the United States and Japan, he said.

Mr. Ushiba referred to a decision on Tuesday by the European Economic Community to obtain by late March a special package of trade concessions from Japan similar to the one reached last month by Japan and the United States and complained:

"Our friends in Europe would like to telescope the whole procedure we had with the United States from September through January into the short time from now until the end of March. That will be a rather difficult enterprise."

Mr. Ushiba said Japan would try to work out a settlement of the mounting EEC complaints about Japan's \$5-billion trade surplus with the Common Market last year.

But he warned the EEC, which has "resented

a list of demands to Premier Takeo Fukuda, that an overnight solution will not be possible.

"Our European friends think that Japan has been neglecting them in comparison with the United States. I asked them whether they had not been neglecting Japan in comparison with their ties with the United States. This is a triangular relationship in which the Japanese-European tie was rather weak. We agree it must be strengthened, but you cannot really bring up these relations to the level of Japanese-American relations with one stroke. You must have time, for both sides," he said.

Mr. Ushiba also complained about being forced to deal with the European Commission: "What kind of authority they have and what they are up to, I really never could make out in my two visits to the Commission itself. Now we have to negotiate with the Commission because the Commission has the overall competence over economic negotiations. But in fact the Commission cannot move at all without being given a mandate from the participating member countries, and the Commission has no authority to tell the member countries to do anything. This is the strange position it has. And it is with that body I must negotiate," he said.

The minister acknowledged that the package of trade concessions he negotiated with Robert Strauss, President Carter's special trade representative, "wasn't very large." "Perhaps you felt somewhat betrayed because of last year (when the U.S. trade deficit with Japan hit \$5.1 billion) and I really don't wonder that you have that kind of feeling," he told his largely American audience. "But this year we mean to do business."

He predicted that a change in the trend of trade away from growing U.S. deficits would be seen very soon, even though the absolute amount of reduction in U.S. deficits would not be reduced dramatically.

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'Still Riding the Gravy Train'

Big-Block Traders Hustle on Wall Street

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (AP-DJ).—In the shrinking world of Wall Street, the offices of the big-block traders continue to bustle with activity. In fact, these "upstairs dealers," as they are called to distinguish them from traders on the floor of the exchange itself, seem destined to play an even more important part in the brokerage and investment-banking business of the future.

"These guys are among the

best paid people in the securities business right now. They're still riding the gravy train," comments an official of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith.

Despite Wall Street's woes and its thousands of layoffs, experienced traders with an institutional following are in strong demand. The heads of trading desks generally take home salaries of from \$75,000 to \$150,000 and beyond, plus generous periodic bonuses.

It is a block trader's job to bring institutional buyers and sellers together in huge trades that might disrupt the market for individual stocks if they were handled in the normal open-outcry manner by floor brokers and specialists on the exchange floor.

After the traders have tied up the loose ends of a deal, the blocks (if they are listed stocks) are "crossed" on the floor of the exchange.

The risky part of the trader's profession lies in the fact that to facilitate a trade he must sometimes cause his own firm to make a capital commitment itself, buying or selling thousands of shares to complete an institutional order. These commitments can range from as much as \$3 million a day for a medium-sized regional brokerage firm to \$50 million or more for one of the larger block-trading houses.

Despite the risks and what brokerage officials term the inadequate return of block trades, such trades have been growing in importance every year. In 1965, trades of 10,000 shares or more, the traditional indicator of institutional participation in the market, represented less than 5 per cent of Big Board volume.

Last year, for a time, big blocks accounted for more than a fourth of all the shares traded and in July reached a peak of 3,200 blocks, or 377 a day, for a total volume for the month of 115.8 million shares, or \$2.4 billion.

The big talking point of the major block houses is "execution"—their ability to carry out a trade with such speed that it is made within existing prices being quoted "on the floor" of the exchange.

The ideal situation is when the market "does nothing" after a huge block is crossed, since no institution likes to see a stock's price rise or fall sharply after a deal.

From the block traders' point of view, the perfect trade is where a buyer and seller agree on the bid-offer price, with enough leeway for the trader to make a neat profit, exclusive of commission.

Such deals have the added advantage of not requiring "position" capital from the brokerage firm, but perfect trades are getting harder and harder to come by in the current market mood, traders say.

Since May 1, 1975, when fixed commission rates were replaced by negotiated rates, the average brokerage commission on institutional orders has fallen from about 32 cents a share to 5 or 7 cents or occasionally even less. This has magnified the possibility of loss for the broker even on the largest of trades.

In April-June, 1977, spending dipped 11.5 per cent, followed by an increase of 8.4 per cent in July-September, the EPA survey shows.

In the manufacturing sector, adjusted October-December spending dropped 47 per cent from the prior period to 1.28 trillion yen, while non-manufacturing spending increased 10.3 per cent to 1.78 trillion yen.

During the current and following quarters, manufacturers are expected to show drops of 9 per cent and 0.5 per cent, respectively while the non-manufacturing spending will fall 0.3 per cent and 8.6 per cent, according to the survey.

Japanese Corporate Spending Seen Declining This Year

TOKYO, Feb. 9 (AP-DJ).—Private capital spending in Japan is believed to have picked up during the last three months of 1977, but the outlook for the current and following quarters is gloomy, the Economic Planning Agency said today in its latest survey.

According to the survey—conducted in November and covering 3,571 firms—it appears that spending rose an adjusted 3.4 per cent in the October-December quarter to 2.98 trillion yen.

This would mean three consecutive quarterly declines. Capital spending has been mostly on the decline since a peak of 3.07 trillion yen on a 2.8-per-cent quarterly rise in the January-March 1977 period.

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Swiss Wholesale Prices

BERN, Feb. 9 (AP-DJ).—Swiss wholesale prices declined in January by 0.5 per cent from a month earlier and by 2.4 per cent from January, 1977, government figures show. At the end of January, the wholesale price index was at 147.1 (1967 equals 100), down from 147.5 per cent in December and down from 148.3 per cent a year earlier.

Company Reports

Revenue, Profits in Millions of Dollars			
Company	1977	1976	1975
Air Lines			
Delta	581.5	506.0	447.2
Eastern	—9.2	0.8	1.9
Northwest	—0.3	0.03	0.24
Trans World	2,280.0	2,010.0	1,520.0
United	81.9	52.3	23.5
Western	2.54	1.97	3.04
Bank-Warner			
Bank	546.2	476.9	3.53
Warner	21.5	21.7	2.66
Int. Telephone & Telegraph			
Int. Telephone	1.48	1.12	1.21
Telegraph	2,030.0	1,860.0	1,520.0
Revenue	104.0	81.7	122.0
Profits	4.93	4.21	0.89
Per Share			1.21
CBS			
Revenue	1977	1976	1975
Revenue	832.9	662.1	476.3
Profits	50.4	67.9	40.8
Per Share	1.82	1.63	1.07
Pan American World Airways			
Revenue	2,770.0	2,230.0	1,800.0
Profits	182.1	163.9	110.0
Per Share	6.50	5.75	4.14
International			
Revenue	1977	1976	1975
Revenue	741.1	674.4	476.3
Profits	41.0	38.0	23.5
Per Share	1.73	1.61	1.07
Standard Brands			
Revenue	2,860.0	2,580.0	1,800.0
Profits	132.9	122.0	110.0
Per Share	5.60	5.15	4.14
Piso			
Revenue	1977	1976	1975
Revenue	455.1	376.6	269.8
Profits	26.3	21.2	16.4
Per Share	0.60	0.54	0.42
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Revenue	92.1	73.4	41.0
Profits	2.24	1.98	1.73
Per Share			1.61
Sunbeam			
Revenue	1977	1976	1975
Revenue	311.8	294.1	264.4
Profits	17.1	15.1	15.6
Per Share	1.50	1.41	1.07
Nine Months			
Revenue	1,199.0	1,106.0	887.1
Profits	59.4	42.9	34.9
Per Share	5.26	4.43	2.42
Times Mirror			
Revenue	1977	1976	1975
Revenue	280.0	264.9	213.2
Profits	10.1	—1.4	25.5
Per Share	0.72	—0.8	0.74
Year			
Revenue	540.7	510.8	1,140.0
Profits	17.5	—0.8	96.1
Per Share	1.24		2.77

Profit-Taking Hits Big Board Prices

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (IET).—The New York stock market closed lower today with profit-taking cutting into the gains of the two previous sessions.

The Dow Jones Industrial average fell 4.85 points to 777.81. It was off 5.37 at 3 p.m.

Losers outpaced gainers by about 780 to about 560 Volume totaled 17.94 million shares, compared with 21.3 million yesterday.

Brokers said some investors were awaiting the Federal Reserve report on the money supply in the latest statement week.

The report is released ordinarily at the stock market close on Thursdays, but has been postponed at least until late tomorrow by communications problems developing from a heavy northeast snow storm.

Analysts said much of the selling today resulting from profit-taking on earlier gains, but noted that trading was relatively slow. Brokers added that many investors were disappointed that the stock market began to retreat late yesterday from its gains early in the session.

Eastman Kodak was prominent among the losers, down 3/8 to 45 3/4. The company reported only slightly higher fourth quarter earnings while earnings for the full year dropped 1 per cent.

International Telephone & Telegraph, trading ex-dividend, fell 1/4 to 38 1/4.

Prices Increase In OECD Area

PARIS, Feb. 9 (AP-DJ).—Consumer prices in the 24 member nations of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development rose by 0.4 per cent in December, bringing the rise for the 12 months ended in December to 8.3 per cent, down from 8.9 per cent a year earlier.

The OECD said that for the second half of 1977 both the unadjusted and seasonally-adjusted annual rates of inflation fell to about 6 per cent from a spring peak of almost 11 per cent.

The pattern reflected the severe winter in North America, coinciding with soaring tropical beverage prices and a rally in other non-oil commodity prices, the OECD said.

The cessation of these special factors, in conjunction with sluggish demand, induced sharp market corrections for spot commodity prices.

3/4 to 28 7/8. Late yesterday, the company said its fourth quarter earnings fell 20 per cent.

Among companies reporting higher earnings, Bell & Howell jumped 1 1/4 to 16, Metromedia 1 3/4 to 39 1/8 and Tenneco eased 3/8 to 29.

General Telephone & Electronics was steady at 29 1/2. The company's earnings were virtually flat for the fourth quarter but higher for the year.

Aluminum Co. of America, expecting possibly lower first quarter shipments, declined 5/8 to 39 3/8. Southdown fell 3/4 to 22 1/8.

The company plans to buy back 900,000 shares of its own stock. But On-Line Systems jumped 2 to 21 3/4. The company said it could not account for the stock's activity.

Cit and natural gas drilling stocks were lower, as Superior Oil fell 6 to 36.8, Atlantic Richfield 1 1/2 to 46 1/2 and, on the American Stock Exchange, Sundance Oil fell 1 3/8 to 26 1/8.

Texas Instruments, subject of bullish analysts' comments in a published report, dropped 2 5/8 to 67 1/2 and National Semiconductor eased 3/8 to 18.

Among the high spots, Gerber Products jumped 2 3/4 to 33 5/8 and Itek advanced 2 1/8 to 27 1/4. Actively-traded Boeing moved up 1 1/4 to 30 3/4, while Marshall Field, a takeover candidate, fell 3/4 to 31 1/8.

Gold Said to Need Period of Calm

FRANKFURT, Feb. 9 (AP-DJ).—Following sharp fluctuations in the price of gold during January, the gold market is in need of a consolidation phase, Degussa AG said in its monthly report on the precious metals market.

The West German gold and metals trading firm said that the official price of gold on international markets climbed 4 per cent during the month, but price fluctuations did not correspond closely to the rise and fall of the dollar in foreign exchange trading.

Gold reached a three-year high of \$177.50 an ounce at the Jan. 25 London gold fixing, it noted.

It said that gold was apparently in short supply during the month, which explained its price rise in the face of dampened industrial and investor demand resulting from seasonal factors.

The gold price trend over the next few months will be largely dependent on results of the French elections in March and on whether the dollar continues to be relatively stable, Degussa said.



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(A) Tax credit not included. C: Consolidated.

the 1990s, the number of people in the United States who are 65 years of age or older is projected to increase from 20 million to 30 million, and the number of people 75 years of age or older is projected to increase from 10 million to 15 million (U.S. Census Bureau, 1996).

European Gold Markets

	Open	Close	%
London	124.00	122.85	-1.0
Zurich	174.375	172.875	-0.8
Paris (12.5 kilos)	181.25	179.21	-1.1

U.S. dollars per ounce.

European Markets

(Yesterday's closing prices in local currencies)

	Gr Un 31	%
Amsterdam	174.375	2.8
	172.875	1.6
	181.25	1.1

Amrnbab	86.30	Mark & Spen	1.0
Almad Ruk	75	Metal Box	1.0
Henkel	107.20	Micha's	0.7
H.V.A.	25	Plassey	0.7
K.L.G.	123	Rand Mines	0.7
Koovam	108.10	Royal Org	3.1
Nat'l Ind	46	Royal Dutch	3.1
Paknoid	25.70	Shell	1.4
Philips	167.60	Thorn (A)	1.4
Robeco	117	Tube Carb	2.2
Royal Dutch	125.78	Union Invest	2.2
Unilever	142.40	Vickers	1.8
Van Omm	171.90	West Deep	0.3
Ver Mach	43	West Drift	52.6
		West Ind	52.6
		West Min	52.6
		Woolworth	0.4
Brussels		ZCI	0.1
Arbel	2.150		
Fokke			

Frankfurt		Paris	
AEG	92,28	Air Liquide	21
BASF	99,28	Aluminium	28
Beier	127,28	Aquinale	28
Chemnitzer	226,28	BNN	252
Deutsche Gummi	127,28	Carrefour	1,29
Daimler	316,30	Cap Lafayette	1,29
Delag	165	Cie Bancarie	92
Deutsche Bank	121,28	CEC	16
Dresdner	221,28	CEC	16
Hochst	121,28	CEC	16
Industriewerke	121,28	CEC	16
Karlsberg	121,28	CEC	16
Kaufhof	121,28	CEC	16
Krupp	121,28	CEC	16
Lufthansa	121,28	CEC	16
Mannesmann	121,28	CEC	16
Metallgesellschaft	121,28	CEC	16
Neckermann	121,28	CEC	16
Reichardt	121,28	CEC	16
Schering	121,28	CEC	16
Siemens	121,28	CEC	16
Telefunken	121,28	CEC	16
Thyssen	121,28	CEC	16
Waldorf Astoria	121,28	CEC	16
Wolfsburg	121,28	CEC	16
Wuppertal	121,28	CEC	16
Zurich	121,28	CEC	16

Funds employed £ million

Year	Funds employed (£ million)
81	10
82	15
83	20
84	25
85	30
86	40
87	50
88	60
89	70
90	80
91	90
92	100
93	110
94	120
95	130
96	140
97	150
98	160
99	170
00	180
01	190
02	200
03	210
04	220
05	230
06	240
07	250
08	260
09	270
10	280
11	290
12	300
13	310
14	320
15	330
16	340
17	350

Earnings pence per share

Year	Earnings (pence per share)
81	1.0
82	1.5
83	2.0
84	2.5
85	3.0
86	3.5
87	4.0
88	4.5
89	5.0
90	5.5
91	6.0
92	6.5
93	7.0
94	7.5
95	8.0
96	8.5
97	9.0
98	9.5
99	10.0
00	10.5
01	11.0
02	11.5
03	12.0
04	12.5
05	13.0
06	13.5
07	14.0
08	14.5
09	15.0
10	15.5
11	16.0
12	16.5
13	17.0
14	17.5
15	18.0
16	18.5
17	19.0

LENTILLE SOUTER

Feb. 3	150,383	211,034	937
Feb. 2	148,735	224,253	835

*These totals are included in the sales figures.

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French state-controlled oil group posted net sales for the parent company and its major subsidiaries in 1977 of 40.037 billion

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